AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of suicide cases registered in Delhi since 1985 to 20th October, 1988, yearwise, and the action taken thereon; and

(b) the total number of dowry death cases registered in Delhi since 1985 to 30th October, 1988, yearwise and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: (a) Total number of suicide death cases reported in Delhi during the years 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988 (upto 31.10.1988) are as under:

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|---|---|
| 1985 | 607 |
| 1986 | 636 |
| 1987 | 501 |
| 1988 | 492 |

(upto 31.10.1988).

In all the cases inquest proceedings under Cr. P.C. were done.

(b) Total number of dowry death cases registered during the years 1985, 1986, 1987, and 1988 (upto 31.10.1988) are as under:

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|---|---|
| 1985 | 43 |
| 1986 | 64 |
| 1987 | 79 |
| 1988 | 83 |

(upto 31.10.1988).

Action in accordance with law is taken in all such cases.

**Raising of foreign currency loans by IDBI**

778. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Industrial Development Bank of India raised foreign loans to the tune of nearly 1,000 million dollars to meet the private sector's import requirements;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are no takers and it is sitting on a mountain of 980 million dollars;

(c) whether it is also a fact that industry has been depending more on free foreign exchange facilities for capital goods import than on Industrial Development Bank of India; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the IDBI (Industrial Development Bank of India) did not find borrowers on account of the irrationalistic attitude of the Central Board of Direct Taxes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Since 1982, Industrial Development Bank of India has contracted foreign currency loans equivalent to US $ 1126 million out of which an amount of $ 941 milion has been drawn till 30th September, 1988. More than $ 550 million has been disbursed till 30th September, 1988. It is not correct to say that there are no takers for foreign currency loans or industry has been depending more on free foreign exchange resources.

(d) No, Sir.

**Income- Tax on State-owned Corporations**

779. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that income-tax is being levied on the two Andhra Pradesh State-owned Corporations, viz, Civil Supplies Corporation and the Essential Commodities Corporation;

(b) whether income-tax is being levied on State-owned Corporations of other States too;

(c) whether any proposal has been received from the Union Minister for Civil Supplies regarding the State-owned Corporations for income-tax; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Income-tax is leviable on the income of all State-owned and Centre-owned Corporations unless their income is exempted under certain specific provisions of the Income-tax Act or any other Act.

(c) No, Sir. However, the Union Minister of Commerce has forwarded a proposal for granting exemption from income-tax to the Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation and the Andhra Pradesh State Essential Commodities Corporation.

(d) The contentions of the two Corporations regarding their claims exemption from income-tax have not been found legally tenable.

**Reduction of interest rate on loans for public distribution system**

780. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that commercial banks have been charging 17 per cent interest on the loans taken by the Civil Supplies Corporation, Essential Commodities Corporation and Fair Price Shop dealers in Andhra Pradesh treating the loans as commercial advances; and

(b) whether there is any proposal with the Government to reduce interest rate for the loans taken for Civil Supplies purposes to make the Public Distribution System cheaper?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The interest rate chargeable by Scheduled Commercial banks on advances to public procurement and distribution agencies as prescribed by the Reserve Bank of India vary from 14 per cent to 15.5 per cent per annum. The rate of interest on advances to Central and State Government agencies for undertaking procurement and distribution of commodities on a commercial basis will, however, be 16 per cent per annum.

The rates of interest mentioned above are effective from October 10, 1988 and there is no proposal to reduce these rates.

**Borrowing from Abroad**

781. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount has been borrowed by Government from various countries and the World Bank as on 1st October, 1988;

(b) what is the rate of interest for the amounts borrowed from each country and the World Bank; and

(c) how much interest is being paid by Government per annum on such borrowed amounts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The total amount borrowed on Government account from various countries|Institutions, including the World Bank as on 31st March, 1988 is Rs. 34945.47 crores as determined at the exchange rates prevailing from time to time. Information as on 1st October, 1988 is not available as the accounts for the period are not yet finalised.

(b) The rate of interest varies from loan to loan and donor to donor. However a Statement showing ranges of percentage of interest charged is attached. (*See* below).

(c) The amount of interest paid on Government Account during the last three years is as follows: